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ALARM RIP OFF

Personal burglar alarms sold to old people who visited the recent Action Against Crime exhibition in Ashton made a handsome profit for smooth STEVE ALLEN - Managing Director of FREELANCE SECURITY CONSULTANTS (Northern)Ltd.

FSC Northern Ltd. were given a free stall at the exhibition by the organisers, who included the Police and local agencies such as Age Concern Tameside. The personal alarm FSC sold is a combined torch and warning signal, that easily fits into a pocket and is made in Hong Kong. They sold it for £3.98. But the same item goes for only £1.95 via Littlewood's Mail Order catalogue. Whilst Wilson's electrical in Ashton they go for less than £3. No wonder ALLEN was keen and helpful when he first met the organisers.

Two weeks later, ALLEN again let people down: this time he failed to turn up to a meeting of over 100 old people at Hurst Community Centre. Ex-Tory Cllr. MARGARET NEWSOME had brought them together to see FSC's alarms. It now turns out this was a blessing in disguise - they're on sale elsewhere at less than half the price! □

D'ARCY'S DOGS

Where will the Red Menace strike next?This, or something similar was the cry from the heart made by ALAN D'ARCY FEARN recently. "Some *SOCIALIST*" he snorted "has reported me for walking my dogs over a football pitch".

D'ARCY has a man exercise his greyhounds on Nelson Street Recreation Ground in Hyde. For years this has continued undisturbed, as D'ARCY practised tooth-pulling on Market Street. Then along comes this pen-pusher saying it's not allowed, because of some mumbo jumbo about dangerous worms in the dogs' doo-dah.

Naturally, D'ARCY WAS VERY ANGRY. So, quite rightly ignoring the fact that he is no longer a Councillor, he dashed off a firm refusal to alter his habits on Council Notepaper. □

MP's PR

You've got to be cautious if you're an MP and you don't want to lose future votes.

When Ashton MP ROBERT SHELDON was asked to throw a bucket of water over the kids in the TISWAS cage at the WEST END COMMUNITY CENTRE'S AUTUMN FAIR last month he refused. The kids, he said, would hate him for ever if he did. Instead he pretended to drench them whilst the REPORTER cameras snapped happily. □

No Charity

GEORGE WYNN, the Tameside Housing Welfare Officer, also helps run an independent charity called the TAMESIDE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COUNCIL (TCIC). Recently GEORGE personally delivered a notice to quit to a woman at TCIC's Enville House Project for Homeless women and kids. Reason? She had turned down her first offer of Council accomodation from Tameside.

The letter was written on TCIC headed notepaper and signed by one EVELYN HOLROYD, and was clearly intended to force the woman out.

But who was GEORGE acting for? TCIC or Tameside? For Tameside? But should a Local Authority Welfare Officer do the dirty work for a 'charity' with as dubious a history as TCIC (see EYE 5). Or was he simply acting as a TCIC organiser. In which case did he tell the woman he wasn't representing the Council?

****Despite revelations of maladministration and nepotism at TCIC in recent years, Tameside still allows TCIC to run houses for homeless families - some of which are in an awful state. It also helps fund Enville Place. □

Dirty schools

Local schools are going to be in a filthy state if the latest council cuts go through. The Policy and Resources Committee recently discussed plans to reduce the frequency with which certain bits of schools - like outside covered areas, storerooms, clearers rooms, sheds and greenhouses -are cleaned. All these areas were supposed to be cleaned daily, now they'll only get a scrub weekly, termly, or in some cases, not at all. With one exception. Entrance areas are to be kept spotless.

Tameside doesn't want school visitors to get the impression its schools are dirty. Even if they are. □

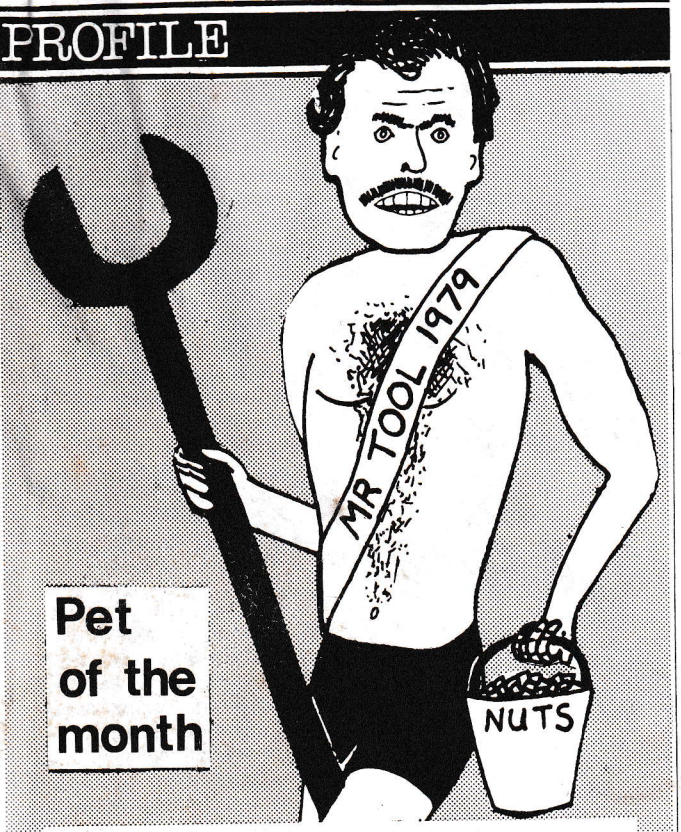
BOTTOMLEY CONS MOSSLEY

The name of DENIS BOTTOMLEY was MUD in MOSSLEY just a year or two ago. DENIS - you will remember was the Tameside bureaucrat responsible for putting most of MOSSLEY under the notorious 'inspection programme' that threatened nearly all the towns older houses with demolition.
MOSSLEY house-owners were up in arms!
Let us IMPROVE our house said maddened MOSSLEYITES don't knock them down!!
But that you see was ▷

Computer

Hurray! Tameside now have THE MOST ADVANCED COMPUTER SYSTEM IN THE COUNTRY for reporting council house repairs!
Pity they haven't got any money to do the repairs once they've been reported □

precisely what devious DENNIS wanted them to say. A source not a million miles away from DENNIS himself told EYE about the day just before the controversy started, when DENNIS walked into the office and informed his underlings just how sick he was with the apathy in MOSSLEY. Nobody was applying for grants to improve their houses.
"I'll show the buggers" said DENNIS and in no time at all he had slapped inspection orders on all the houses in town. Result?
Massive increase in grant applications!
People demanding that DENNIS let them improve their homes!
nd as each street put in its grant applications off it came from the inspection programme!
Clever DENNIS! □



Pet of the month

SUPER-FIT DEREK HARTLE GOT BIG IN TOOLS BY STRIPPING ASSETS.
THEN HIS FORTUNES DROOPED. WANT TO SEE HOW?

TURN TO OUR SUPER-SEXY SIZZLING CENTRE PAGES FOR PART ONE OF THE STORY THAT MAKES "GONE WITH THE WIND" LOOK LIKE "GONE WITH THE WIND".

Shorts

The Council could be faced with another Compensation bill threat if the flying of helicopters in and out of Warmco's Mossley base is stopped.
The saga of poor advice, bad planning decisions and disagreements with the Civil Aviation Authority is coming to a head. The next Planning Meeting on 3rd December is awaited eagerly by all involved, as the next "Progress" Report comes to the surface.

Last issue we told you about Hyde & Stalybridge M.P. TOM PENDRY joining a consortium bidding for the London TV franchise. Here's some more details: the consortium calls itself London Independent Television, and sports such notables as Chairman GENERAL SIR HARRY TUZO M.B.E., Deputy Chairman KENNETH WINCKLES (who?) DAME MARGARET SMITH C.B.E. and RAY MAWBY, Tory M.P.

Tameside ruling Labour party is against council house sales. We were therefore rather surprised to hear that Labour Councillors JAMES EDWARD EASON and LENA EASON of 23 Cumberland Grove Ashton bought their council house some time ago. JAMES, at least, ought to know what his party policy is. He was the first Labour Mayor or Tameside in 1974.

Mayor GEORGE HATTON has put behind him thoughts about resigning, and decided to make the most of it. There was another Mayoral Booze-Up in October.

LORD RHODES of Saddleworth a former ASHTON MP, Mill owner, and Knight companion to the Queen is patron of the MEDLOCK VALLEY PRESERVATION GROUP which, amongst other things, is fighting to maintain the character of Tameside's run down PARK BRIDGE area One beneficiary of the group LORD RHODES patronises is his architect son who lives at THE STABLES, Park Bridge.

How many know that DROYLSDEN'S American Twin Town is - wait for it - Parsipanny, in Troy Hills, U. S. of A. Trouble is nobody can afford to go there in these hard-up times. So a place near Paris is about to be visited by the Town Twinning Committee, with expenses paid, to see if it is a better Twin that's cheaper to visit. One suggestion was to link up with a Russian town, as a contribution to the CND revival, but the Committee didn't agree. Meanwhile, RON FOSTER, Labour Cllr. for Droylsden East, is to stick to the original plan he's visiting Troy Hills to see for himself.

Shortly after MRS. NICKLIN of 191 NEWMARKET ROAD had the Hyde-depot gasmen in to install a new central heating system, a big hole appeared in her dining room ceiling and water started flooding in, drenching everything. The cost of this high-class central heating job plus hole and accidental shower was £1,100.

On the back of every Tameside rate demand you will find a list of all the local government depts. next to a list of how much of your money goes on each. Tamesides much criticised personnel dept. is missing from that list. Why?

Self employed haulage contractor HERBERT H. TAYLOR JP of 56 Nasmyth St. Denton is not one of Tameside cop-shops favourite magistrates.
He seems to have a soft spot for people up before him on driving offences.
Last Christmas the local traffic plods were going hairless with frustration as merciful Herbert let off one driver after another (including a speeding doctor with three endorsements) with cautions or small fines because he said- it was the 'season of goodwill'.
With next Christmas on the way, all you yule-tide speed freaks and traffic hogs had better arrange to be had up before HERBERT H. if you want to make sure of a judicial Christmas present.

PROPERTY

SLUMS ON THE INCREASE

The ADVERTISER has recently been carrying stories implying that Tameside is making progress with its slum housing. The facts suggest the opposite.....

During the 1970's the number of slums in Tameside went UP not DOWN. In 1972 there were 6,875 houses that were unfit for human habitation. By 1979 there were 7,669 "unfits". In addition there were still 16,000 'substandard' houses in need of substantial improvement.

The council needed to demolish 1,000 slums and build at least 600 new houses a year to get rid of this backlog and get people out of poor housing by the mid 1980's.

But Tameside has NEVER been able to reach these totals. In the '70's the council mamaged to build only 300 new houses and demolish 500 old ones, on average, every year.

This was less than half the houses needed.

Despite this, successive councils actually UNDER-SPENT the Housing allocation they got from Central Govt. When COLIN GRANTHAM was leader in '78 the council actually failed to spend nearly £2m! Since then MARGARET THATCHER has slashed Tameside's housing budget. A bid of £20m. in1980 was cut by the Govt. to slightly over £11m. which was £2m. less than the council got in 1979 before 15-20% inflation is taken into account.

As a result, Tameside will probably start only 150-200 houses this year. No new Housing Action Areas are being declared and improvements outside the existing action areas are being cut back. The council has little or no money to lend to householders for improvements.

And in October MICHAEL HESELTINE, the Minister of the Environment, stopped ALL new building and improvement by councils for up to six months. Most of Tameside's older houses are in the process of decaying into slums unless something is done quickly.

In 1984 Tameside will be faced with a massive need for slum clearance that will disrupt old established communities, uproot old people and cost £££££.

SOURCES: Greater Manchester structure plan, Local housing statistics, Tameside Housing Dept.

FILTHY LUCRE

Qu. What's the connection between posh houses, football, and a load of shit?
A. Money.

Every so often the sewers underneath STALYBRIDGE CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB overflow, covering the pitch in excrement.
That excrement originates in the lavatories of the super-posh houses in the FERNBANK, WOODLANDS, and MOTTRAM RISE estates which sprang up far too quickly for Tameside's ageing sewage system to cope with.

The biggest source of overflowing shit is the massive private estate built on MOTTRAM RISE by MOTTRAM HOMES LTD. A company owned jointly by P.E.JONES of Alderley Edge and McALPINES. MOTTRAM HOMES bought £1.25 millions worth of land there in 1973 with money lent to them by the McALPINE group's holding company MARCHWEIL. They put up houses now selling at anything from £30,000 to £60,000 each.

PHILIP DAWSON, SELLER OF HOUSES ON MOTTRAM ROAD.

Locals involved in the Mottram Road property boom include estate agent PHILIP DAWSON, his friend the bankrupt machine-tool millionaire DEREK HARTLE, and at least one local property speculator who got a return from his investment he did not expect. His name is JOSEPH KNOTT. He has shares in the property company PRENWAIN Ltd., who have put up some of the houses on the Rise, and he is also PRESIDENT of STALYBRIDGE CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB!

Overspill strike

November 5th went up two days early in Manchester's Housing Dept.: all three unions involved (NUPE, NALGO and MATSA) have now called their members out on strike, closing the "overspill" rents office on Hattersley.
Ten staff were dismissed for refusing to do extra work caused by leaving posts vacant after someone had left. On Hattersley, one post has been unfilled since July and another since October - an 18% staff reduction. Their Housing staff budget is underspent by £96,000 so far this year
RAY GRIDLEY, Assistant Director at Manchester Housing, was not all that smart on the first day of the strike: the strikers came out at 8.55 a.m., just 5 minutes before the dismissal notices were issued. He is now trying to claim he can dismiss someone who is on strike. On hattersley, WILLAIM LORD - a Senior Estate Management Officer - entered the Rents Office two days after the strike started. He is taking up early retirement soon, and has been given official union (NALGO) permission to continue working during the strike. Also JOHN TAYLOR - NALGO Shop Steward - has been using the strike to further his personal battle against RAY GRIDLEY in the Town Hall.
Postscript: Hattersley Rents Office has been shut during the recent lousy weather, so the staff have avoided the rain that often pours in on these occasions Tenants are apparently not the only ones with damp premises!

FOLLOW UP

MORE MASONS

Last issue's feature on the Ashton freemasons provoked a lot of interest so we're researching a follow-up on the STALYBRIDGE AND HYDE brothers for next time. Meanwhile here's a few more names to be getting on with. Two Masons at the top of Tameside's top-heavy bureaucracy are MR.HANKES Chief officer at ESTATES & VALUATION and HARRY HOULDSWORTH Chief ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER. HARRY, incidentally, is also an Ashton Rotarian. But, his colleague at ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH the notorious DENNIS BOTTOMLEY isn't a Mason. He's a Catholic and only gives the secret handshake to fellow members of Roman Catholic order of "The Knights of St. Columbus."

Picking names at random there's Brother DEREK HARTLE the ex-Mottram millionaire and owner of MOTTRAM HALL (see centre pages). There's brother DENNIS THOMAS the rev.at St. Marks Church in Dukinfield who is letting Concern for Education use the old church hall as the site for Tameside's new independant grammar school.

Interesting to note that TONY BOOK, who figured in last issue's feature isn't the only MANCHESTER CITY man to be a local Mason. MIKE DOYLE, MIKE SUMMERBEE and MALCOLM ALLISON all joined the same AUDENSHAW Lodge around the same time.

ICI

ICI Hyde is making 60 jobless in its Wallpaper Division. Nationally 4,500 of the ICI workforce are to be laid off. Its Chairman, SIR MAURICE HODGSON, blames these sackings and ICI's first ever trading loss of £10 millions on the policies of MARGARET THATCHER's government. The strong £ and high interest rates have caught the firm's manageament out; combined with the recession in the industries ICI supplies, the results are disastrous. Referring to the Tory economic plans, HODGSON said: "*There is a difference between a bracing climate and freezing to death*".

BODDINGTONS

After last months item on low wages at BODDINGTONS Manchester Brewery it's nice to hear that the company profits are up again this last half year, from £1.81 million to £2.34 million.
Keep drinking lads and lasses!

MOTHERCARE

MOTHERCARE, who have an outlet in Ashton, have paid a similar dividend to last year, despite lower profits of £8 millions during the first 6 months of the year. They complain, however, that increased High Street competition has forced them - on some items - to make price cuts of one-third.

INBUCON

INBUCON, an international management consultancy, says that managers' pay is just ahead of inflation, but that their Fringe Benefits are increasing - in spite of the much-publicised drive against them by THATCHER. 72% of British Managers now have a Company Car, worth at least £2000 per year.

MARKS AND SPENCERS

MARKS & SPENCER, who have a store in Ashton, made post-tax profits in the first half of the year of £35.6 millions, with a pay-out to shareholders only slightly down on last year. Their Chairman, LORD SIEFF of Brimpton, claims their "clothing prices are now only 2% and our food prices 8% higher than a year ago".

TOOTALS

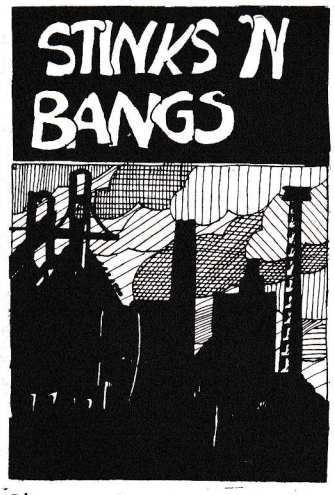
After its profits fell by £3.4 million in the first half of this year TOOTALS (which has factories in STALYBRIDGE,HYDE, and in HOLLINGWORTH) made 2,869 workers redundant and closed 11 factories across the country, including its VICTORIA works in DUKINFIELD. But the dividends of TOOTAL shareholders were not affected by the slump, and neither was the firm's investment of over £775,000 in a new textile factory in South Africa.

MCR. CANAL CO.

The latest returns from the MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL CO. must have come as another blow to local textile magnate SIR GEORGE KENYON. He's a Director of the Canal Co. and it's made a thumping operating loss of £431,000 so far this year. Cause? Hard-to-dredge sludge coming up the Mersey into the sparkling waters of SIR GEORGE'S canal.

SHELDON

ROBERT E. SHELDON, Ashton's MP, lives in fashionable West Didsbury, and mixes both Commerce and the Labour Party. He owns R.E.SHELDON LTD., a textile firm. Set up in 1960 with himself and first wife EILEEN as the Directors, he resigned his Directorship in 1974 and joined the Labour Government - he was a Minister by 1975, as FINANCIAL SECRETARY to the TREASURY. TERENCE SHELDON was the new Director at his firm. In 1979 turnover was less than £20,000, reserves £10,000. ROBERT has also been DIRECTOR of MANCHESTER CHAMBER of COMMERCE, and of MANCHESTER LEFT-WING COFFEE HOUSE LTD. (where he used to associate with lefty Salford MP FRANK ALLAUN)



Since we heard that TAMESIDE are finally going to prosecute SMITH BROS LTD. for spreading their disgusting KINGSTON STINK all over HYDE we've been looking into the affairs of this family firm of Smell-merchants.

The company was set up in 1953 by two brothers: ALBERT and ARTHUR SMITH of Read St., Hyde. The description ALBERT and ARTHUR gave of their intended activities back then in '53 was enough to put you off.
They said they were going to be "Renderers and extractors of grease, tallow, fats and oil... collectors receivers and disposers of waste products from dwelling houses, canteens, restaurants, cafes, hotels and the like."
Now what would make two young Lancashire lads like ARTHUR and ALBERT want to make money out of rotting food?
Well whatever it was the family was soon at it.

By 1979 ALBERT had died, but ARTHUR had been joined on the board by his wife EVELYN (Now of 216 Dowson Rd. Hyde) and his sister ANNE(of 'Greenacres, Mottram Old Rd.). The £100,000 worth of company shares were held by these three plus ROBERT ARTHUR SMITH of Albert Farm, Green Lane, Hyde, JEAN SMITH who lives with ANNE at "Greenacres" and ROGER A. SMITH also of Mottram Old Rd.
At this point we did intend telling you how much money the SMITH family have been making out of their smelly activities, but unfortunately they appear to have forgotten to file any company accounts with the Registrar of Companies recently. Which is naughty of them because that's illegal.

On the subject of stinks, have you had the opportunity yet to sample the new smells coming from CHEMSTAR LTD., the slovenly CARRBROOK chemical works?
Last month we reported that the SENIOR SERVICE works on Gregory St.Hyde were keeping the locals awake at night.
Well this month they've stopped the night-time symphonies in favour of day time ponging sessions.
But Tameside insomniacs need not worry, there have been plenty of other local firms providing this months night-time entertainment. In STALYBRIDGE for example there have been noises and cacophony from DELTA ENFIELD CABLES on Trinity St. and BYROM WINDINGS LTD on Knowle St.

In DUKINFIELD ADAMSON & HATCHETT and in ASHTON ATLAS MILL have both been competing with the wailing of the local toms for the attention of sleepy neighbours.
Elsewhere in ASHTON the Tameside Stink-men have been investigating niffs at DIXONS PORK AND BACON WORKS, whilst the noise-men have been lurking around outside MARSDENS, the HAUGHTON GREEN teen-scene club with their hyper-sensitive ear-trumpets, positively quivering with the nasty noises drifting out at them.

The Derek Hartl

DEREK HARTLE WAS BORN INTO A WORKING-CLASS FAMILY IN MOTTRAM ON 12th DECEMBER 1930. THE HOUSE WHERE HE FIRST CRIED STOOD JUST OUTSIDE THE GATES OF MOTTRAM OLD HALL WHERE THE WEALTHY LOCAL LANDOWNER LORD TOLLEMACHE LIVED IN LUXURY WITH HIS FAMILY

As DEREK grew up in the '30's and 40's, attending school, helping out in his mothers cafe on Melvin St. Stalybridge, sighing through the sermons at MOTTRAM Congregationalist Church where his family had always been lay preachers and superintendants, the OLD HALL was never far from his thoughts.

It stood for everything he wasn't. Everything he hadn't got. He wanted to be like TOLLEMACHE the rich and powerful owner of MOTTRAM HALL.

Forty years later LORD TOLLEMACHE was dead. The world he had ruled over was gone. His hall was in ruins.

And DEREK HARTLE was about to take his place.

He was older, richer by a million or so, and hardened by a lifetime of money-making. But he was there at last, in an expensive suit, at the wheel of a swish car, driving up to his dream.

It didn't matter when Labour councillors howled that the hall had been ear-marked as a home for maladjusted kids, it didn't matter when they suggested in public that 'something smelt' about HARTLE's purchase of the Hall.

It didn't even matter when one of them said he was preparing a dossier for the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Nothing mattered next to the simple fact that he was now owner of MOTTRAM HALL.

He was inside now looking out at his memories of the baby who had first cried in 1930.

HOW HE GOT THERE MAKES AN INTERESTING STORY.

1944

DEREK HARTLE left school in 1944 to start work as a joiners apprentice.

He wasn't good at it.

And when he finished National Service to take up the trade again he couldn't settle. He was 'restless'.

In 1953 he quit. He said he was going to be a salesman.

There was more money in selling than in making.

He was right and it was ten years before HARTLE made anything again.

And by then he was rich enough to pay others to do it for him.

But the money didn't come quickly at first.

He got the sack from his first job as a sales rep for a box firm after only six weeks.

The boss advised him to go back to joinering.

He didn't, and a week later he was walking the streets for a machine tool company earning £12 a week Later he got the company car 'when no one else wanted it'. It was all very 'frustrating' but the 23 year old HARTLE was learning a lot about selling machine tools.

After 18 months he's had enough. He was living with his wife BERYL in Clive St. Ashton and they were skint.

HARTLE decided the time had come for the joiners apprentice to become a businessman.

He rented a yard in Stalybridge, bought an old van on tick for £30, got in it and toured army surplus auctions, buying up old machine tools, cleaning them and selling them at a profit. (There's a story that he turned up at his first one in a rented Humber with a hired chauffer) Whether he did that or not, he certainly made money.

Within a month he had paid off the van and put £1,000 in the bank. After a year he needed more space. He converted a disused stables in Ashton soon that was full.

1956

On 30th July 1956 he formed DEREK HARTLE LTD.

The directors were himself and his wife BERYL.

The company secretary was NORMAN POTTS a young stalybridge accountant.

DEREK HARTLE LTD. had ambitions far beyond its £1,000 capital. Its Articles of Association anticipated 'steel making...smelting...refining...haulage contracting...manufacturing and repairing motor cars... and aeroplanes,,, and plying boats...and gliders" and even being "Hatters... and chemists"

But what the company actually did with increasing success was sell mucky tools.

In a year or two HARTLE had three depots,yards and railway arches crammed full of them. He was able to afford a classier house on WOODLANDS CLOSE in Stalybridge.

Soon he bought a 2nd hand crane for £2,000 and launched his second company. DEREK HARTLE PLANT HIRE LTD.

Two years later he was hiring out six cranes, bulldozers and diggers to local contractors, and looking for still more space.

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Success-after starting £30 in the red
THIS IS the age of the entrepreneur. And you don't have to look far to find men who have fought their way from nothing into big time.
Hall will be sold despite plea
BY DAVID THOMAS
A TOP-LEVEL police probe is to be called for into events surrounding a council's sudden decision to sell a mansion.
A £300,000 scheme to convert the hall into a home for maladjusted youngsters was scrapped at the eleventh hour.
A dossier on the about-turn is being compiled by Tameside Labour Councillor Jack Thornley and is to be sent to Greater Manchester Chief Constable, Mr Jim Anderton.
Cash crisis hits Hartle tool firm
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HARTLE himself has made a consistent bob or two out of the land round HEAPS farm. In the late 1970's he sold the farmhouse itself for £70,000 and the land around it in single plots for £1,000 each. But by then property was only a sideline for HARTLE. He had long since become one of the biggest machine tool manufacturers in the country.

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At the age of 36 HARTLE was already a rich man. He was a Freemason, a councillor, a magistrate and was soon to be the President of the HYDE AND STALYBRIDGE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. The Chairman at that time was COLIN GRANTHAM.

But he was not satisfield. He wanted to be bigger still. And fast. From 1966 onwards he embarked on a ruthless process of take-overs, mergers and asset stripping which put his companies on the London stock exchange, his face on the financial pages of national newspapers and made him his million before he was 40.

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In ten years he quadrupled its turnover and trebled its profits. HARTLE ate up smaller companies like it was the end of the world, selling their assets. It was what he used to do in the 50's except now he was buying up and stripping whole companies not just the odd machine tool.

He did it to HIGH DUTY SAWS LTD.(bought Mar.'72 for £15,000:ceased trading same year); KINGSMILL ENGINEERING (Bought July '73 for £15,000: ceased trading soon after); WAKEFIELD FABRICATIONS (Bought June '72 for £10,500: ceased trading soon after) and to a dozen others.

Sometimes HARTLE would buy a manufacturing firm strip it and then turn it into a non-productive finance or property company. DEREK HARTLE LTD did this several times. In 1971 he sold off the heating and ventillation business of J.G. WAGSTAFF and then turned it into D.H . PROPERTIES Dukinfield. But the most spectacular example was in '71 when the HARTLE subsidiary BROADBENT SCHOFIELD LTD bought STANLEY MACHINE TOOLS LTD for £20,000 and then changed its name to DEREK HARTLE FINANCE LTD., a company whose sole purpose was to manage six other DEREK HARTLE LTD. subsidiaries, most of which were either dormant, or property companies themselves.

1974

HARTLE grew and grew. But in 1974 HARTLE was as big as he was going to be. In ten years he had got through a dozen different directors, but none of them had ever approached HARTLE's controlling interest.

He took the decisions. And in 1973 he started to branch out of HERBERT'S dirty engineering business into more refined enterprises.

He bought up the BELGIAN firm ORFEVRERIE WHISKEMANS (SA) LTD. for £887,000. WHISKEMANS were silver and diamond merchants who had a chain of retail out lets on the continent

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Success starting in th

Cash Hartle

He was inside now looking out at his memories of the baby who had first cried in 1930.

HOW HE GOT THERE MAKES AN INTERESTING STORY.

1944

DEREK HARTLE left school in 1944 to start work as a joiners apprentice. He wasn't good at it. And when he finished National Service to take up the trade again he couldn't settle. He was 'restless'.

In 1953 he quit. He said he was going to be a salesman.

There was more money in selling then in making. He was right and it was ten years before HARTLE made anything again. And by then he was rich enough to pay others to do it for him.

But the money didn't come quickly at first. He got the sack from his first job as a sales rep for a box firm after only six weeks. The boss advised him to go back to joinering. He didn't, and a week later he was walking the streets for a machine tool company earning £12 a week Later he got the company car 'when no one else wanted it'. It was all very 'frustrating' but the 23 year old HARTLE was learning a lot about selling machine tools.

After 18 months he's had enough. He was living with his wife BERYL in Clive St. Ashton and they were skint. HARTLE decided the time had come for the joiners apprentice to become a businessman.

He rented a yard in Stalybridge, bought an old van on tick for £30, got in it and toured army surplus auctions, buying up old machine tools, cleaning them and selling them at a profit.(There's a story that he turned up at his first one in a rented Humber with a hired chauffer) Whether he did that or not, he certainly made money.

Within a month he had paid off the van and put £1,000 in the bank. After a year he needed more space. He converted a disused stables in Ashton soon that was full.

1956

On 30th July 1956 he formed DEREK HARTLE LTD.

The directors were himself and his wife BERYL. The company secretary was NORMAN POTTS a young stalybridge accountant.

DEREK HARTLE LTD. had ambitions far beyond its £1,000 capital. Its Articles of Association anticipated 'steel making...smelting...refining...haulage contracting...manufacturing and repairing motor cars... and aeroplanes,,, and plying boats...and gliders" and even being "Hatters... and chemists"

But what the company actually did with increasing success was sell mucky tools.

In a year or two HARTLE had three depots,yards and railway arches crammed full of them. He was able to afford a classier house on WOODLANDS CLOSE in Stalybridge.

Soon he bought a 2nd hand crane for £2,000 and launched his second company. DEREK HARTLE PLANT HIRE LTD.

Two years later he was hiring out six cranes, bulldozers and diggers to local contractors, and looking for still more space.

In 1961 he bought the old RITZ cinema behind ASHTON TOWN HALL re-naming it HARTOOL SHOWROOMS.

HARTLE was getting bigger. DEREK HARTLE LTD. now had a capital of £50,000 and it wasn't long before he made his first trip abroad, touting for orders during a U.K. machine tools slump.

He moved house again. This time to HEAPS FARM off MOTTRAM OLD RD. It had [illegible] acres of land attached. He was now a landowner.

So, he set up CRISSAL CONSTRUCTION LTD. with CHRIS CRISSAL a Dukinfield engineer. And later on he joined his close friend the estate agent PHILIP DAWSON on his property company MUSTANG TRADING CO. HARTLE the property speculator was launched.

He was soon followed by HARTLE the politician. In 1967 he joined DAWSON as a Tory Councillor on Stalybridge Corporation.

For three years these two men of property sat together on the FINANCE and TOWN PLANNING Committees. It provided them with an unrivalled inside view of property developments in the borough.

HARTLES company CRISSAL CONSTRUCTION is reported to have put the drains in an intensive residential development at TONNEGREEN in MOTTRAM. DAWSON was the agent.

Unfortunately the whole estate was built on a water spout. The houses were embarrassingly damp.

Another DAWSON/HARTLE enterprise took place in MALTA after the BRITISH NAVY had abandoned its bases there leaving the dockland areas idle A SUNDAY EXPRESS investigation detailed how those two shrewd local operators flew out there, bought up the land cheap and made many thousands of pounds when the demand for holiday flats and villas came.

HARTLE himself has made a consistent bob or two out of the land round HEAPS farm. In the late 1970's he sold the farmhouse itself for £70,000 and the land around it in single plots for £1,000 each.

But by then property was only a sideline for HARTLE. He had long since become one of the biggest machine tool manufacturers in the country.

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and interests in South Africa. In 1974 HARTLE set up WHISKEMANNS U.K. and opened what was supposed to be the first of a series of British shops in Manchester selling high class ornaments. His daughter was to manage it.

She wasn't the only relative to benefit from HARTLE's rise. His eldest son was at the swank Public School HARROW and his next was to join him. His brother-in-law GORDON KELLY sat on the board of several of HARTLE's companies until DEREK sacked him in the mid 70s.

But the biggest beneficiary of HARTLE's meteoric career was DEREK himself. In 1974 he got dividends of £30,000 and a Chairman's salary of £20,000. (By contrast his 985 employees found £2,000 each in their pay packet). He owned a second home at WHATCROFT HALL, WHATCROFT CHESHIRE, and he had started to make enquiries about MOTTRAM HALL. It was now derelict and owned by the local authority.

A SWOP

HARTLE had a plan. He knew that the STEERING COMMITTEE responsible for organising the 6 local corporations into Tameside were looking for office accomodation for the new bureaucrats.

He would offer them his HARTOOL SHOWROOMS in exchange for MOTTRAM HALL. They turned him down. It was a disaa but not the last HARTLE was to experience in the years to come.

SLUMP

Suddenly in 1975 the Machine Tool industry went into slump. Previously HARTLE had flourished whilst others in the business went bust. But this time the 44 year old ex-golden boy would not buck the trend.

Within five years his EMPIRE would be in ruins, and his attempts to turn MOTTRAM HALL into his family home were at the centre of another controversy.. □

FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS: Hartle's first house

NEXT ISSUE: How Hartle got his hall and why his firm went bust.

HEALTH

DENTAL TREATMENT IS FREE FOR THE UNEMPLOYED, YET NICK DAVIES HAD TO FILL IN TWO FORMS, WRITE FOUR LETTERS AND MAKE TWO PHONE CALLS BEFORE HE GOT THE FREE DENTAL TREATMENT TO WHICH HE WAS ENTITLED.

On 15th September NICK DAVIES went to his Tameside dentist complaining of a toothache. He said he was unemployed, so the receptionist gave him form F1D to complete - which he posted to the DHSS in Ashton. The dentist then dresses NICK's tooth, and a week later filled it. At this time neither NICK nor his dentist had heard from the DHSS, so NICK was forced to pay £8 for his treatment. Two weeks later, on 2nd October, NICK got form F3D from the DHSS:

Dear Sir or Madam
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CHARGES
Name of dentist CARLTANK CORNAH & ASSOC

With reference to your claim in connection with the charge you are required to pay under the National Health Service for dental treatment/dentures. It has been decided that

* you will not have to pay any of the remissible charges.
* ~~you are in a position to meet any charges up to £~~.....

NICK phoned the DHSS in Ashton to explain that he had already paid his dentist, so how could he get his money back? "Return Form F3D and your receipt, and we'll pay you". "great", thought NICK, until they were returned with this note:

Please complete Form F6 and return it with your receipt (enclosed)

DHSS

With the Compliments of
the Manager

Department of Health and Social Security

So NICK filled in Form F6 and returned it with the receipt. On 21st October he got another note from the DHSS:

~~Would you please give below your answer to the following enquiry and return this form as soon as possible. An addressed label is enclosed.~~

Dear [redacted]

I am returning the enclosed form F6 as it is not the correct form to claim remission of dental charges. If you wish to claim remission please forward a form F1D which is available from your dentist. An addressed label is enclosed for your use.

Signature..... Date 21.10.80

But NICK had sent them Form F1D in the first place. So he phoned the DHSS again. "There's been some sort of a mix-up here - we thought this F6 was for another course of treatment". NICK explained he was actually still waiting for a refund for his visit on 15th September. "Just return F6 and we will make a refund".

Then, out of the blue, on 23rd October, NICK got a note from the dentist asking him to collect a cash refund at the surgery. So after a wait of 5 weeks NICK got his £8 back.

EYE wonders if everybody entitled to free dental treatment is as persistent as NICK.

IF YOU KNOW OF SIMILAR INSTANCES OF BUREAUCRACY GONE MAD EYE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. □

POLITICS

IN COUNCIL

October's Full Council was a time for nostalgia. Labour Councillors recalled the slump of the 1930's whilst ex-leader of the Tory Council, COLIN GRANTHAM, remembered the golden days before nationalisation. Then with a sigh,he rounded on market stallholders from the 'ethnic minorities' who are putting clothes rails in front of their stalls in Hyde, and thereby causing an obstruction, also a lampost in his ward had been visited seven times by engineers recently. "Chairman to reply" droned the Mayor, GEORGE HATTON. Nothing happened. "Councillor Brierley" he said pointedly. Now GEOFFREY BRIERLEY had sensibly been taking a little snooze; he put his glasses on, jumped to his feet and mumbled a reply. By contrast, Councillor SYLVIA (Patroness of the Arts) SWIFFIN, was witty; "Mr. Heseltine cuts everything but his hair", and risque; "Councillor Grantham used the word 'strip' six times in his speech". Finally, GRANTHAM growled: "Union leaders are long in mouth and short in ideas", and told Labour Leader ROY OLDHAM that he should ignore NUPE and start Work Experience Programmes. He was followed by fellow Tory PETER GREENOUGH; "We must cut our standards of living". The lefty Chairman of Education, GLYNN FORD enquired, "What contribution is the Tory Group making"? and GREENHOUGH reported that his pub takings are down by 20%. Warming to the occasion OLDHAM asked GRANTHAM how his sales of Post Offices were doing and said that he couldn't remember any of the ten Tories doing one iota of useful work. For his part GRANTHAM railed against the th irty or more non-pro ductive social workers, teachers and charity workers in the Labour Group. So it was left to JOHN BELL to give a rare display of (Tory) compassion in a debate on rising fuel prices; "Fuel stamps are available to ease the burden". Labour members patiently pointed out that the stamps still have to be bought. □

EYE EXCLUSIVE!
THIS PHOTOGRAPH, DEPICTING THE SCENE OF DEVASTATION AFTER THE COUNCILLOR'S PRE-MEETING SLAP-UP NOSH, WAS CAPTURED BY EYE'S INTREPID CAMERAPERSON - who walked into Trashton Town Hall and took the snap. Ever since the noise of RUMBLING STOMACHS became even louder than the SNORES during lengthy Full Council Meetings, it has been customary for our Elected Representatives to gather and eat their fill at about 4.30 p.m. on the Tuesday of the meeting. BON APPETIT! □

EXPENSES

What your councillor got

Tameside councillors were paid a total of £5,420.86 for attending three months worth of council meetings from May to July this year. Labour's GEORGE NEWTON claimed the most, receiving £331.93 (£27.66 per week) for attending on average two meetings a week.
Second place goes to BRYAN WRIGHT who claimed £307.24 (£25.60 per week) and SYLVIA SWIFFIN comes third receiving £276.16 (£23.01 per week).
The amound claimed varied widely from £331.93 to £21.07.
It's left to the individual to decide how much they claim.
Each councillor is entitled to claim an "attendance allowance" travelling expenses and occasionally a "subsistance allowance".
Some councillors claim the maximum amount allowed whilst others don't claim any expenses.
So while RONALD FOSTER received an average of £16.13 for each meeting he attends, ANNE BOOTH gets a mere £4.21.
Councillors not included in the list below had not claimed for May, June and July when EYE examined the expense claims. Some of them may not intend to claim at all.
Housing Chairman PETER BAILEY claimed £84.84 for a weekend in June spent at the "HARROGATE CONFERENCE OF HOUSING MANAGERS" (not included in his £241.44 below) and DOUGLAS LEEMING, Tameside Head of Administration approved payment for CLLR. MARK HUNTER'S telephone rental charge.
EYE prints the complete list of councillors expenses below. Councillors not included in the list had not put in their claims when EYE examined the council books. □

COUNCILLORS EXPENSES MAY, JUNE, JULY 1980.

COUNCILLOR	TOTAL CLAIMED	NO.OF MEETINGS ATTND.	AV.PAYMENT PER MEETING
NEWTON George	£331.93	27	£12.29
WRIGHT D..	£307.24	24	£12.80
SWIFFIN Sylvia	£276.16	23	£12.01
BAILEY Peter	£241.44	24	£10.06
PETIT Jack	£222.60	20	£11.13
RAE Kenneth	£219.15	16	£13.70
STACHINI Harry	£217.68	15	£14.51
CLARK E.	£200.16	18	£11.12
FOSTER R.	£193.57	12	£16.13
FITZPATRICK J.	£186.57	15	£12.44
FORD Glyn	£184.03	14	£13.15
HATTON George	£181.14	13	£13.94
WILKINSON Kenneth	£179.84	13	£13.83
SMITH R.	£179.26	14	£12.80
BELL J.	£160.79	13	£12.37
TRAVIS Percy	£143.36	14	£10.24
HALES John	£143.35	14	£10.24
SHAW Katherine	£141.69	14	£10.12
PROCTOR Edith	£138.41	11	£12.58
EASON Lena	£137.12	13	£10.55
RUFFLEY Frank	£136.70	13	£10.52

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ADSHEAD Frank	£121.68	11	£11.07
TOMLINSON Philip	£120.14	13	£ 9.24
BOYLE David	£118.93	9	£13.21
FOGG Dennis	£100.00	9	£11.11
HUNTER Mark	£ 93.76	10	£ 9.38
ABBEY Roy	£ 88.77	7	£12.68
SLAMON Raymond	£ 88.08	7	£12.58
REDFERN Leslie	£ 88.00	7	£12.57
SPEAKMAN Paul	£ 84.50	8	£10.56
STELFOX Allen	£ 75.95	7	£10.85
HUGHES John	£ 74.80	9	£ 8.31
JACKSON Dennis	£ 68.56	7	£ 9.79
LILLEY John	£ 55.28	6	£ 9.21
GRANTHAM Colin	£ 53.08	5	£10.62
WEBB Joseph	£ 46.06	4	£11.52
BOOTH	£ 2107	5	£ 4.21

N.B. The forms which detail councillors expenses are at TAMESIDE'S FINANCE DEPT., Waterloo Road, Stalybridge and can be examined by any Tameside resident who is on the electoral register.

PEOPLES FESTIVAL

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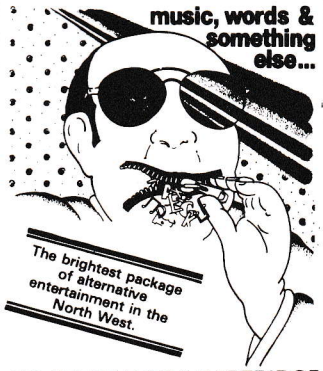

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8.30p.m.

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Friday November 21st
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**** HAVE A CHEERFUL AND PLEASANT CHRISTMAS ****

WRETCH

Hallo Readers!

Here's a story that Gee Cross Tory Councillor JOHN BELL tells over a drink or two.

Some time ago JOHN's 1st wife left him, leaving him anxious for female company.

Naturally enough he joined the local HYDE AND ROMILY OPERATIC SOCIETY. In the fullness of time he found himself up Werneth Low sharing the back seat of his car with a female thespian friend, learning each others parts.

Things were going very well until, at the climactic point of the script, JOHN's co-star felt his noble head of hair and found nothing but hard shiny skin. He had lost his wig.

I understand JOHN found it some time later hanging on a hedge.

I'm glad to say that JOHN is now happily married again. And well-supplied with BOSTIK, I hope.

Xmas is on the way so I am eagerly awaiting my invitation to one of the famous parties put on by ROLAND BARDSLEY at his CARRIAGES nite-spot for clients and friend. Last year's was super, with Council Leader COLIN GRANTHAM and Mayor PETER GREENHOUGH there! Mind you, I heard this disgusting story about two off-duty Tameside HEALTH HYGIENE INSPECTORS who turned up at CARRIAGES one night in search of entertainment. But ROLAND's bouncers sent them packing.

The very next day several on duty HEALTH & HYGIENE INSPECTORS arrived to inspect the kitchens. And when they did ROLAND's Chef had the book thrown at him.

Wretch